

REMARKS

Claims 86-98 and 100-102 are pending in the application. Claim 90 remains withdrawn.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of his telephone call to Applicants' representative Allyson Hatton on December 30, 2008, alerting her that claim 102 was omitted from the listing of claims presented in the submission filed October 24, 2008. Applicants agree that the omission of the claim was inadvertent and that, in fact, claim 102 is still pending as shown in the listing of claims above. No amendments to the claims are being presented at this time.

As indicated by the Examiner in the telephone conversation, Applicants understand that claim 90 will be rejoined when the claims are allowed.

The specification is amended to update the priority claim.

Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner to return an initialed copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitted October 24, 2008.

Applicants maintain that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due. However, any necessary charges, or any credits, should be applied to Deposit Account No. 50-2762, referencing Attorney Docket No. B2047-700731.

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